

## MAN CONDUCTS PARROT RANCH

Martin Holts, Former Railroad Conductor, Builds Up a Unique Industry Near Victoria, Mexico.

**REPUBLIC SPECIAL.**  
San Francisco, Cal., April 8.—A special dispatch to the St. Louis Republic from Victoria, B. C., says Martin Holts, an American who established a parrot ranch near Victoria a few years ago, has met with wonderful success and has accumulated a fortune in the business.

Holts was employed for several years as a passenger conductor on the old Northern and Mexican Gulf Railroad, now a part of the Mexican Central system. He followed the Gulf Coast through the heart of the parrot country. He was always interested in the brightly-colored birds, and while running as conductor he collected many of them and taught them to talk English.

The thought occurred to Holts after selling a number of his birds that he might make money by retreating from railroad work and devoting his time to raising parrots. He followed this plan and purchased a large tract of forest land near Victoria, which was teeming with wild parrots. Here he placed a house and over the trees and the birds were confined therein.

He has had the greatest success in raising the birds. It is in teaching the parrots to talk that Holts has had his most unique success. He is a linguist, speaking English, Spanish, French and German fluently. He divided his flock of several thousand birds into four classes, one for each language. He then took a few birds from each class and set to work to teach them to talk. At the end of a few months he had taught a number of birds English, Spanish, German and French.

**MAKING OF AMETHYST GLASS MAY BE LOST ART.**

Now Very Scarce, Oculists Regard It as Valuable—Noted Buildings Contain It.

**REPUBLIC SPECIAL.**  
Philadelphia, April 8.—The making of amethyst glass is said to have practically become one of the lost arts. A few days ago a well-known resident of this city, in passing St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum, No. 50 Spruce street, noticed that the stained glass windows were partly composed of amethyst colored panes. He at once called upon Sister Mary Joseph, who is in charge of the institution, and inquired about the kind of glass mentioned. She was very scarce and was valued because it was very costly. She said that the amethyst glass was used in the windows and given to him. It would be replaced, he said, with other glass, and at the same time a donation would be made to the house. Sister Mary Joseph referred the matter to Mr. Campbell, attorney for the institution, who has the proposition under consideration.

The Valuable Material of Wood and Walnut, the approaching sale of which is attracting public attention, has windows which contain the amethyst glass, and it is expected that leading oculists will use the amethyst glass to secure the most perfect vision of the building is demolished.

**WOMAN CLUNG TO PROWLER UNTIL HUSBAND ARRIVED.**

Would-Be Burglar, Desperate, Then Attacked Man and Escaped After a Fierce Struggle.

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Philadelphia, April 8.—Pistol shots and the sounds of a hand-to-hand struggle in the yard of the home of Morris Tashner, at No. 37 South Seventh street, caused great excitement in the neighborhood at an early hour in the morning when an attempt was made to burglarize his residence.

While sleeping in the second story Tashner was awakened by the noise of someone walking on the roof of the back kitchen, a one-story structure. Arousing his wife he took his revolver and started in pursuit. From the window he fired two shots and two men hastily retreated.

Fearing that they would escape Tashner rushed out the front door and around the side of the alleyway in the hope of intercepting them before they could escape. Meanwhile Mrs. Tashner succeeded in catching one of the men by the clothing just as he was about to disappear over the fence. He struggled and fought furiously, but she succeeded in holding him until her husband arrived.

Seeing Tashner the man renewed his efforts to escape and breaking away for a moment he picked up a stone and hit Tashner over the head. He then eluded both and, leaving over the fence, escaped.

**BOY FALLS OUT OF GALLERY.**

Drops Twenty Feet; Enjoys Show From First Floor Seat.

**REPUBLIC SPECIAL.**  
Trenton, N. J., April 8.—In his eagerness to get a front seat at the State Street Theater for the afternoon performance, Edward Confort, 8 years old, toppled over the railing of the balcony and fell twenty feet to the floor below.

A doctor was called, but could not find that any serious injury had been done to the lad, who was permitted to have a place on the first floor.

**CAR CAUGHT IN LANDSLIDE.**

Trolley Passengers and Crew Have Remarkable Escape.

**REPUBLIC SPECIAL.**  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa., April 8.—A landslide rushing down the steep mountain side at the "Narrow" along the Wilkes-Barre and Harveys Lake line, caught the midnight trolley car, which was well filled with passengers.

Fortunately only the front end of the car was struck and while the car was badly damaged the passengers and crew escaped unhurt.

**GOLD SEAL**

AMERICA'S BEST

Champagne

Special Dry—Brut

Possesses a pungency, bouquet and sparkling head equalled by no other. All the delicious qualities of the French product at half the cost.

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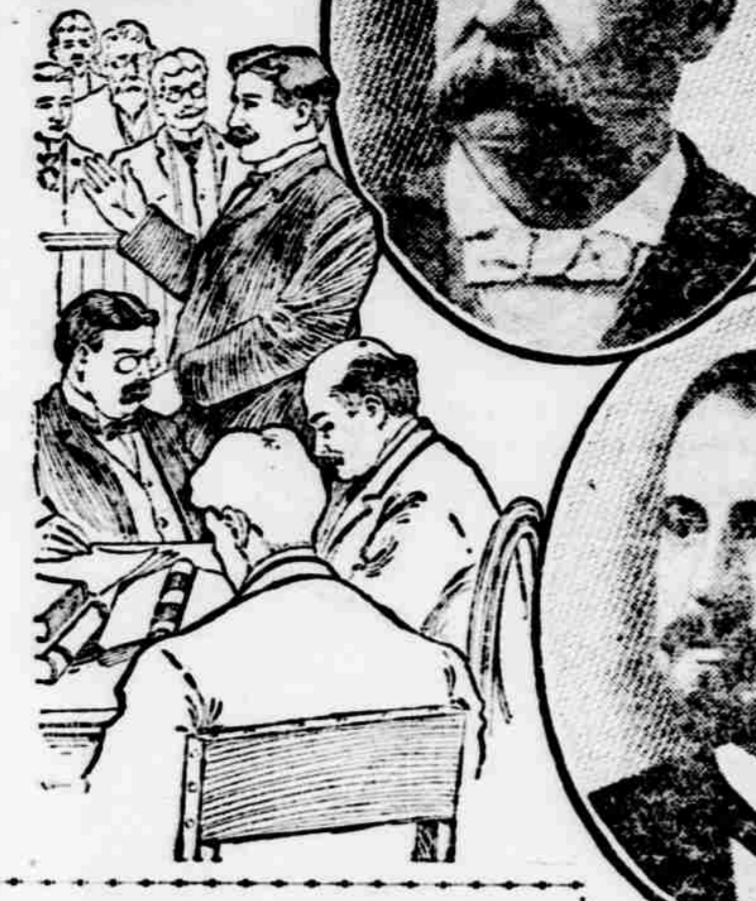
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Sole Makers.

## BRAIN WORKERS

Pe-ru-na Cures Catarrh Wherever Located.



Hon. A. M. Lea, U. S. Dist. Atty. for the Southern District of Mississippi, writes from Vicksburg, Miss.: "I am more than pleased with the benefits derived from Peru-na, and have recommended it to all my friends, both as a tonic and catarrh cure."

"If I had been lucky enough to have seen it years ago, Peru-na would have saved me much inconvenience. I can never be too thankful to you."

**Doctored a Year Without Help. Peru-na Enables Him to Continue His Work.**

Walter S. Parker, 129 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill., President Board of Local Improvement, also member Board of Education of Grosvenor, writes:

"I was troubled with a cough and catarrhal trouble for a number of years, and although I was under the doctor's care for over a year, he was unable to help me at all."

"Finally I decided to try Peru-na, and after using it a few days my cough was relieved."

"I continued the use of the medicine for three months and at the end of that time was cured of the catarrh and my physical condition much improved."

"I find that I have a better appetite now and would more, and am better fitted to take charge of my business."

**Superintendent of Public Schools Recommends Peru-na.**

Prof. W. B. Powell of Washington, D. C., for fifteen years Superintendent of the Public Schools of Washington, in a letter from 110 N. St., Washington, D. C., says:

"Persuaded by a friend, I have used Peru-na as a tonic, and I take pleasure in recommending your medicine. Peru-na is indeed a good medicine and should be in every household."

"The advantages of men differ greatly. Some require only mental activity, others the use of the muscles. One person is worn out from both. Another suffers from great fatigue from muscular overexertion."

"The slightest exposure gives them a cold. The depleted condition of the system makes them feel languid. In many instances it develops into chronic catarrh."

**Mental Workers.**

"This explains why it is that so great a number of mental workers suffer from catarrh in some degree or phase. The fatigues of the brain, the slight cold is not able to intrude itself."

**Sedentary Occupations.**

"These people whose avocations are of a sedentary character, requiring chiefly a use of the mental faculties, are more susceptible to climatic diseases than the people who lead active outdoor lives."

"The heavier the teacher, the clerk, the teacher's classes, as a rule, furnish out the greatest number of patients for constant medical effort."

"I have learned to appreciate Peru-na very highly and advocate it as a safe, proper and indeed necessary medicine to every business man who is worn out, tired and sick."

**Leon J. Charles, Attorney-at-Law, Winslow, Ariz., writes:**

"For a man taken up with the daily routine and rushed and pushed constantly to do 30 hours' work in 24, there will invariably come a time when nature demands her due."

"I was on the edge of just such a breakdown when Peru-na was recommended to me and proved a helper and a friend. It seemed impossible at the time to take a vacation, and yet the constant brain fatigue seemed to compel it. Peru-na built up the broken-down system, restored me to normal condition and through its use I was enabled to continue my work."

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**MR. ALEX. MCKENZIE, MONTREAL, ONT.**

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